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1. HERewith THE REMARKS OF SENATOR JAVITS FOLLOWING
MEETING WITH PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR,
JANUARY 8, 1976.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: "THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING AGAIN,
LETS BEGIN WHERE WE LEFT OFF THIS MORNING, I WILL TRY
TO ANSWER THE REMAINDER OF YOUR QUESTIONS THIS EVENING.

3. Q. MY FIRST QUESTION MR. SENATOR, OF THE TWO
QUESTIONS I HAVE, I UNDERSTAND MR. SENATOR THAT YOU
HAVE BEEN TO PANAMA AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU
WHETHER ANY AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED AS TO THE
PANAMA CANAL.

4. A. I HAVE NOT YET BEEN TO PANAMA BUT I WILL BE
THERE HOPEFULLY, IF PROVIDENCE IS WITH ME, TOMORROW,
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AND I HOPE TO SEE PRESIDENT GENERAL TORRIJOS AND

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE PRINCIPLES INHERENT IN THE TACK-KISSINGER AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES. I HAVE JOINED WITH OTHER COLLEAGUES IN A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THOSE PRINCIPLES. THERE IS AN IMPORTANT GROUP IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE WHICH, QUITE SINCERELY, AND FOR REASONS THAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES, OPPOSE THOSE PRINCIPLES. BUT IT'S MY BELIEF THAT THE ULTIMATELY THE TACK-KISSINGER PRINCIPLES WILL PREVAIL.

5. Q. MR. SENATOR, YOU HAVE JUST HAD YOUR SECOND CENTENNIAL IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND IT IS SAID THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND PERU ARE IMPROVING VERY CONSIDERABLY. I AM WONDERING, MR. SENATOR, AS FAR AS THE FOLLOWING, AS FAR AS THE GOOD IMAGE OF THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED HAS IT BEEN CONSIDERED PERHAPS THAT A BETTER IMAGE COULD BE PRESENTED. THERE ARE MANY EXCELLENT THINGS AND MANY GOOD THINGS IN THE UNITED STATES. THERE ARE MANY THINGS WHICH ARE IMPORTANT AND SHOULD BE KNOWN IN LATIN AMERICA, WHICH ARE NOT KNOWN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THEREFORE I AM WONDERING WHETHER THIS IMAGE QUESTION IS SOMETHING THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED OR WHETHER HAS BEEN CONSIDERED OR WHETHER ALSO IN THE SENATE IT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED...OR THE POSSIBILITY OF ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS WOULD BE CONSIDERED IMPORTANT.

6. A. I BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATE PUBLIC OPINION -- AND I DO NOT SPEAK FOR THE UNITED STATES, ONLY THE AMBASSADOR DOES-- I AM A UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM A VERY LARGE STATE AND I BELIEVE I HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION AND OF THE OPINION OF THE CONGRESS. I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE FINEST UNDERSTANDING IN THE OTHER AMERICAN STATES OF OUR CULTURE, OUR SOCIETY, OUR INTENTIONS AND THE DIRECTION IN WHICH WE SEE

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LIFE IN THE AMERICAS MOVING, BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE OR LET ME PUT IT IN ANOTHER WAY. LET ME SAY, I BELIEVE WE HAVE LEARNED THAT IMAGE BUILDING IS A MADISON AVENUE ADVERTISING TECHNIQUE AND WHAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN IS IN SO BEHAVING WITH THE OTHER AMERICAN STATES THAT OUR CONDUCT WILL BE OUR BEST IMAGE -- DEEDS RATHER THAN WORDS. THAT IS WHY I LOOK FORWARD, BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES HAS

CERTAIN DISILLUSIONMENT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS...
I LOOK FORWARD TO A VERY CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION BY
THE UNITED STATES TO REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND A GREATER
PARTICIPATION THAN IN RECENT YEARS
IN REGIONAL AFFAIRS BY THE UNITED STATES.

7. Q. SENATOR, MY QUESTION CONCERNS THE WIDELY
PUBLICIZED STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR
TO THE UNITED NATIONS DANIEL MOYNIHAN TO THE EFFECT THAT
THE UNITED STATES HAS TOO LONG AND TOO PASSIVELY
ACCEPTED A SORT OF DOUBLE STANDARD IN WORLD AFFAIRS
WHEREBY THE UNITED STATES IS JUDGED MUCH MORE
HARSHLY, PARTICULARLY BY DIPLOMATS AND REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE THIRD WORLD, THAN ANY OTHER SOVEREIGN STATE
AND CONDEMNED UNFAIRLY AND HARSHLY
--SORT OF SERVING AS A WORLD WHIPPING BOY-- THAT IT
IS TIME TO NO LONGER ACCEPT THIS, AND TO FIGHT BACK
VIGOROUSLY IN THE FORUM OF PUBLIC OPINION DO YOU
FIND THESE STATEMENTS MORE-OR-LESS REFLECT YOUR VIEWS,
THE VIEW OF YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE SENATE, THE
VIEWS OF YOUR CONSTITUENCY AND HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY
FEED-BACK, ANY REACTION TO THE SORT OF MOYNIHAN PITCH
IN YOUR TRAVELS THROUGH LATIN AMERICA?

8. A. I AM NOT GIFTED WITH THE COLORFULNESS OF
LANGUAGE OF AMBASSADOR MAYNIHAN, I PERHAPS HAVE GIFTS
OF LANGUAGE BUT THERE ARE NOT OF THE SAME TYPE,
THEREFORE, I CAN NOT ADOPT THE LANGUAGE BUT I
CERTAINLY ADOPT THE PRINCIPLE AND ESPECIALLY THE LAST
PART OF THE PRINCIPLE RELATING TO FIGHTING BACK. I
BELIEVE THAT UNITED STATES OPINION WOULD SUPPORT
RECEIVING CRITICISM BUT ALSO MAKING CRITICISM.
ESPECIALLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS
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OF INDIVIDUALS IN WHICH THE GREATEST INCONSISTENCY
WAS POINTED OUT IN AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S DECLARATIONS.
I HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THIS MATTER ON THIS
TRIP, I FELT MY QUESTIONERS LARGELY ASKED ME THESE
QUESTIONS AS A MATTER OF INTEREST TOSEE WHETHER
AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S VIEWS HAD WIDE CURRENCY IN THE
UNITED STATES AND AGAIN, I REPEAT, I DO NOT SPEAK FOR
THE UNITED STATES, ONLY AMBASSADOR DEAN SPEAKS FOR
THE UNITED STATES IN PERU. BUT, IN MY OPINION AS A
SENATOR, AND WHAT WE SAY IS OFTEN CONSIDERED IMPORTANT,
IN MY OPINION THAT OPINION IN THE UNITED STATES DOES
SUPPORT THIS POSITION. I HAVE MAINTAINED THE POSITION
MYSELF ALL MY POLITICAL LIFE AGAINST THE TYRANNY OF
WEAKNESS WHICH IS OFTEN AS GREAT AS THE TYRANNY OF
STRENGTH AND AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN HAS GIVEN THOSE

IDEAS A CURRENCY WHICH I WELCOME.

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9. Q. SENATOR, WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE HELD AN IMPORTANT MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF FINANCE OF PERU, DR. BARUA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HIS MEETING LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS AND WE WONDER IF YOU CAN TELL US A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT YOU DISCUSSED AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THE SAME WITH RESPECT WITH THE MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR.

10. A. I FOUND DR. FARUA VERY INTERESTING, VERY WELL INFORMED AND EXTREMELY ABLE, AND I EXPRESSED TO HIM GREAT SATISFACTION AT HIS DESIGNATION BY THE PRESIDENT AS THE FIRST CIVILIAN IN THE CABINET. WE DISCUSSED THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF PERU, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PERU AND THE UNITED STATES, BOTH IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, THAT IS WITH THE GOVERNMENT, AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WITH RESPECT TO AMERICAN COMPANIES WHICH OPERATE HERE. WE DISCUSSED THE ULTIMATE AIMS OF THE REVOLUTION IN TERMS OF SATISFACTION TO THE PEOPLE AND A BETTER LIFE AND HOW THOSE MIGHT BE CONTRIBUTED TO BY BOTH SETS OF RELATIONS WHICH EMANATE FROM THE UNITED STATES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, AS TO MY CONVERSATION WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, GENERAL DE LA FLOR, HE IS AN

OLD FRIEND. I HAD CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSIONS
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WITH THE GENERAL WHEN HE WAS IN WASHINGTON AND ATLANTA,
GEORGIA WITH THE OAS FOREIGN MINISTERS IN 1973,
AT WHICH TIME I SERVED AS AN ADVISOR TO DR. KISSINGER,
OUR VERY ESTEED AND BRILLANT SECRETARY OF STATE.
WE DISCUSSED THE POLICY CONTAINED IN THE FOREIGN
TRADE ACT RESPECTING GENERALIZED PREFERENCES AND
OTHER MATTERS AS THEY AFFECT OTHER AMERICAN
STATES. WE DISCUSSED ALSO THE CURRENT MEETINGS IN
PARIS RESPECTING THE PRDUCERS AND CONSUMERS, MAJOR
INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS, OF NATURAL COMMODITIES AND
WE DISCUSSED THE PROSPECTS FOR WHAT TECHNICAL OR
AID ASSISTANCE THE UNITED STATES COULD BE TO PERU,
PARTICULARLY WITH EMPHASIS ON THE AGRICULTURAL
SECTOR. I FOUND BOTH CONVERSATIONS EXTREMELY REVEALING,
VERY EDUCATIONAL TO ME, AND I BELIEVE THEIR SUBSTANCE
WILL BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO MY COLLEAGUES.
I ALSO HAVE EVERY HOPE OF MEETING THE PRESIDENT OF
PERU BEFORE I LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND I CONSIDER
A GREAT HONOR TO MEET HIM AND LOOK FORWARD TO THAT,
BUT I CAN TELL YOU OBVIOUSLY NOTHING ABOUT IT NOW."
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